



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the application of:) Group Art Unit: 2671
Masaki Hiraga) Examiner: Scott A. Wallace
Serial No.: 09/972,925) Attorney Docket: 13780
Filed: October 10, 2001)
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR) RECEIVED
ENCODING AND DECODING AN) AUG 13 2004
OBJECT)
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231
U.S.A.

Dear Sir:

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed March 12, 2004, please consider the enclosed Declarations and the remarks/arguments which begin on Page 2 of this paper.